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| <u>L1</u>  | "clutch slip" and torque and (elaps\$ adj time) | 96               | <u>L1</u>                     |

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File: PGPB

Aug 11, 2005

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20050177295

PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20050177295 A1

TITLE: Method and apparatus for controlling a transfer case clutch to improve vehicle handling

PUBLICATION-DATE: August 11, 2005

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME             | CITY             | STATE | COUNTRY |
|------------------|------------------|-------|---------|
| Rodrigues, Ashok | Farmington       | MI    | US      |
| Allen, Timothy   | Livonia          | MI    | US      |
| Thomas, Steven   | Bloomfield Hills | MI    | US      |

US-CL-CURRENT: [701/67](#); [701/68](#)

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☐ 2. Document ID: US 20040111203 A1

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File: PGPB

Jun 10, 2004

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20040111203

PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040111203 A1

TITLE: Torque-converter slip control system

PUBLICATION-DATE: June 10, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME | CITY | STATE | COUNTRY |
|------|------|-------|---------|
|------|------|-------|---------|

Higashimata, Akira Kanagawa JP  
Segawa, Satoshi Kanagawa JP

US-CL-CURRENT: 701/51; 701/87, 701/90

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☐ 3. Document ID: US 20040020700 A1

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File: PGPB

Feb 5, 2004

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20040020700  
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new  
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040020700 A1

TITLE: On demand vehicle drive system

PUBLICATION-DATE: February 5, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME                 | CITY       | STATE | COUNTRY |
|----------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Watson, Will         | Southfield | MI    | US      |
| Miller, Alan L.      | Ithaca     | NY    | US      |
| Sundquist, Drew A.   | Canton     | MI    | US      |
| Simpson, Roger T.    | Ithaca     | NY    | US      |
| Ducklow, Diane K.    | Farmington | MI    | US      |
| Beckerman, Joseph W. | Livonia    | MI    | US      |
| Showalter, Dan J.    | Plymouth   | MI    | US      |

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☐ 4. Document ID: US 20020052265 A1

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File: PGPB

May 2, 2002

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20020052265  
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new  
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020052265 A1

TITLE: Slip control system for torque converter

PUBLICATION-DATE: May 2, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME             | CITY     | STATE | COUNTRY |
|------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Segawa, Satoshi  | Kanagawa |       | JP      |
| Adachi, Kazutaka | Yokohama |       | JP      |

US-CL-CURRENT: [477/62](#); [477/65](#)

| Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | Sequences | Attachments | Claims | KWIC | Draw De |
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☐ 5. Document ID: US 20010042652 A1

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File: PGPB

Nov 22, 2001

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20010042652

PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20010042652 A1

TITLE: On demand vehicle drive system

PUBLICATION-DATE: November 22, 2001

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME                 | CITY       | STATE | COUNTRY |
|----------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Watson, Will         | Southfield | MI    | US      |
| Miller, Alan L.      | Ithaca     | NY    | US      |
| Sundguist, Drew A.   | Canton     | MI    | US      |
| Simpson, Roger T.    | Ithaca     | NY    | US      |
| Ducklow, Diane K.    | Farmington | MI    | US      |
| Beckerman, Joseph W. | Livonia    | MI    | US      |
| Showalter, Dan J.    | Plymouth   | MI    | US      |

US-CL-CURRENT: [180/249](#); [180/244](#)

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☐ 6. Document ID: US 6928357 B2

L3: Entry 6 of 15

File: USPT

Aug 9, 2005

US-PAT-NO: 6928357

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6928357 B2

TITLE: Torque-converter slip control system

| Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | Sequences | Attachments | Claims | KWIC | Draw De |
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☐ 7. Document ID: US 6652415 B2

L3: Entry 7 of 15

File: USPT

Nov 25, 2003

US-PAT-NO: 6652415

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6652415 B2

TITLE: Slip control system for torque converter

| Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | References | Attachments | Claims | KWC | Draw De |
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☐ 8. Document ID: US 5847589 A

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File: USPT

Dec 8, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5847589

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5847589 A

TITLE: Pulse signal generating device

| Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | References | Attachments | Claims | KWC | Draw De |
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☐ 9. Document ID: US 5693878 A

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File: USPT

Dec 2, 1997

US-PAT-NO: 5693878

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5693878 A

**\*\* See image for Certificate of Correction \*\***TITLE: Torque converter clutch engagement test

| Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | References | Attachments | Claims | KWC | Draw De |
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☐ 10. Document ID: US 5407024 A

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File: USPT

Apr 18, 1995

US-PAT-NO: 5407024

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5407024 A

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TITLE: On demand vehicle drive system

| Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | References | Attachments | Claims | KWC | Draw De |
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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20020052265

PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020052265 A1

TITLE: Slip control system for torque converter

PUBLICATION-DATE: May 2, 2002

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME             | CITY     | STATE | COUNTRY |
|------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Segawa, Satoshi  | Kanagawa |       | JP      |
| Adachi, Kazutaka | Yokohama |       | JP      |

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

| NAME                    | CITY | STATE | COUNTRY | TYPE CODE |
|-------------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------|
| NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD., |      |       |         | 03        |

APPL-NO: 09/983939 [PALM]

DATE FILED: October 26, 2001

## FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

| COUNTRY | APPL-NO     | DOC-ID             | APPL-DATE        |
|---------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| JP      | 2000-328474 | 2000JP-2000-328474 | October 27, 2000 |

INT-CL-PUBLISHED: [07] F16 H 61/14

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 477/62; 477/65

US-CL-CURRENT: 477/62; 477/65

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

## ABSTRACT:

A pre-compensator equipped slip control system for a lock-up torque converter employing a lock-up clutch, includes a slip-rotation control section that begins to calculate a compensated target slip rotation from a time when an actual slip rotation between input and output elements of the torque converter becomes less than a predetermined slip-rotation threshold value after shifting from a torque-converter action area to a slip-control area, so that the actual slip rotation is brought closer to the compensated target slip rotation. Also provided is a feedforward control section that determines a lock-up clutch engagement pressure by way of feedforward control during a period of time from a time when the torque converter is shifted from the torque-converter action area to the slip-control area to the time when the actual slip rotation becomes less than the predetermined slip-rotation threshold value.

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File: USPT

Jun 21, 1994

US-PAT-NO: 5323320

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5323320 A

TITLE: Stability test for slip operation of torque converter clutch

DATE-ISSUED: June 21, 1994

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME                 | CITY      | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
|----------------------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Hathaway; Richard R. | Plymouth  | MI    |          |         |
| Neigebauer; James J. | Ypsilanti | MI    |          |         |

US-CL-CURRENT: 701/67; 192/3.3, 192/3.58, 477/169

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☐ 12. Document ID: US 5113343 A

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File: USPT

May 12, 1992

US-PAT-NO: 5113343

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5113343 A

TITLE: Sequenced control of double transition powered downshifting in an automatic transmission

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☐ 13. Document ID: US 5046174 A

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File: USPT

Sep 3, 1991

US-PAT-NO: 5046174

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5046174 A

TITLE: Method of clutch-to-clutch closed throttle downshift in an automatic transmission

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☐ 14. Document ID: US 4805750 A

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File: USPT

Feb 21, 1989

US-PAT-NO: 4805750

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4805750 A

TITLE: Steady state slip detection/correction for a motor vehicle transmission

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☐ 15. Document ID: US 4527678 A

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File: USPT

Jul 9, 1985

US-PAT-NO: 4527678

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4527678 A

TITLE: Transmission clutch control system and method

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Aug 9, 2005

US-PAT-NO: 6928357

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6928357 B2

TITLE: Torque-converter slip control system

DATE-ISSUED: August 9, 2005

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME               | CITY     | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
|--------------------|----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Higashimata; Akira | Kanagawa |       |          | JP      |
| Segawa; Satoshi    | Kanagawa |       |          | JP      |

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

| NAME                   | CITY     | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY | TYPE CODE |
|------------------------|----------|-------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. | Yokohama |       |          | JP      | 03        |

APPL-NO: 10/700446 [PALM]

DATE FILED: November 5, 2003

## FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

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| JP      | 2002-383017 | December 5, 2002 |

INT-CL-ISSUED: [07] G06 F 7/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 701/87; 701/90, 477/34

US-CL-CURRENT: 701/87; 477/34, 701/90

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 701/84, 701/87, 701/90, 477/34

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| 09265745       | October 1997 | JP      |       |
| 2000-145948    | May 2000     | JP      |       |

ART-UNIT: 3661

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Beaulieu; Yonel

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Foley &amp; Lardner LLP

## ABSTRACT:

A slip control system of a lockup torque converter includes a pre-compensator that pre-compensates for a target slip-rotation speed to produce a target slip-rotation speed correction value. A feedback compensator is provided to feedback-control an engagement capacity of a lock-up clutch based on a deviation between the target slip-rotation speed correction value and an actual slip-rotation speed to bring the actual slip-rotation speed closer to the target slip-rotation speed. Also provided is a dead-time processing section that compensates for the target slip-rotation speed correction value to reflect a dead time of dynamic characteristics peculiar to the slip control system in the target slip-rotation speed correction value. The dead-time compensated output is fed to the feedback compensator. The dead time is variable in accordance with a predetermined dead time characteristic.

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Apr 18, 1995

US-PAT-NO: 5407024

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5407024 A

**\*\* See image for Certificate of Correction \*\***

TITLE: On demand vehicle drive system

DATE-ISSUED: April 18, 1995

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME                 | CITY       | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
|----------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Watson; Will         | Southfield | MI    |          |         |
| Miller; Alan L.      | Ithaca     | NY    |          |         |
| Sundquist; Drew A.   | Canton     | MI    |          |         |
| Simpson; Roger T.    | Ithaca     | NY    |          |         |
| Ducklow; Diane K.    | Farmington | MI    |          |         |
| Beckerman; Joseph W. | Livonia    | MI    |          |         |
| Showalter; Dan J.    | Plymouth   | MI    |          |         |

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

| NAME                         | CITY             | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY | TYPE | CODE |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------|---------|------|------|
| Borg-Warner Automotive, Inc. | Sterling Heights | MI    |          |         |      | 02   |

APPL-NO: 07/903696 [PALM]

DATE FILED: June 24, 1992

INT-CL-ISSUED: [06] B60 K 17/34

US-CL-ISSUED: 180/248; 180/197

US-CL-CURRENT: 180/248; 180/197FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 180/248, 180/247, 180/197, 180/233, 364/424.1  
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|                          | <u>4840247</u> | June 1989     | Kashihara et al. | 180/249  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>4874056</u> | October 1989   | Naito            | 180/233    |
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| 903077485      | February 1991 | EP      |       |
| 901191742      | April 1991    | EP      |       |
| 903092187      | April 1991    | EP      |       |
| 3741009A1      | June 1988     | DE      |       |

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"Nissan ETS: a New Electronic Torque Split System for Improving Vehicle Dynamics",  
Reference No. 891074, pp. 303-306 (In Japanese).  
"Electronic Control Torque Split 4-Wheel Drive Transfer Case", Fuji Tekko Co., Ltd.  
(English and Japanese language versions).  
SAE Technical Paper No. 850354, A Computer Controlled Transfer for Four-Wheel Drive  
Vehicles, 1985.

ART-UNIT: 316

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Camby; Richard M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Mattix; Carla

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Willian Brinks Hofer Gilson &amp; Lione Dziegielewski; Greg

## ABSTRACT:

An on demand vehicle drive system monitors vehicle performance and operating conditions and controls torque delivery to the vehicle wheels. The system includes a plurality of speed and position sensors, a transfer case having primary and

secondary output shafts driving primary and secondary axles and a microcontroller. The sensors include a vehicle speed sensor, a pair of primary and secondary drive shaft speed sensors, and brake and driveline status sensors. The transfer case includes a modulating electromagnetic clutch controlled by the microcontroller which is incrementally engaged to transfer torque from the primary output shaft to the secondary output shaft. When the speed of either the front or the rear drive shafts overruns, i.e., exceeds, the speed of the other drive shaft by a predetermined value related to the vehicle speed, indicating that wheel slip is present, clutch current is incrementally increased to increase clutch engagement and torque transfer to the secondary axle. When wheel slip is reduced below the predetermined value the current to the clutch is incrementally reduced. The method of operating such a system is also described.

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